

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—San Francisco and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Sunday; light N changing to SE wind. Northern California: Cloudy tonight and Sunday, with dense fog in the lowlands; light northerly changing to S wind.

## BATTLE FOR RELIEF OF LADYSMITH BEGUN

General Warren Begins the Bombardment. Of Boer Trenches and Buller's Army Is Now in Sight of the Town So Bravely Defended By Gen. White's Forces.



A BOER METHOD OF FIGHTING.

## Dutch Inhabitants of Colesberg Fear the Capture of the Town and Flee to the Orange Free State.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Natal, Jan. 20, 11 a. m.—The firing of field guns was heard early this morning from the left. Evidently General Warren has commenced the bombardment of the Boer trenches on Takkammun mountain. There was also a brief musketry fire. Among the prisoners captured Thursday was a grand son-in-law of President Kruger.

## DUTCH FEAR THE FALL OF COLESBERG.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Friday, Jan. 19.—A gentleman who has escaped from Colesberg reports that the Dutch inhabitants who are sympathizers with the Boers are proceeding to the Orange Free State, in anticipation of the evacuation of the town. Mr. Van der Walt, a member of the Cape Assembly, has already gone. The Boer force there is estimated to number from 6,000 to 7,000 men, besides a strong force at Norval's Point. British shells did much execution eastward of the town. The Boer loss up to date is probably 200 men. Carefully compiled figures from Republican sources, some of which have been investigated and found to be correct, show the Boer losses up to date are approximately 6,000 men, including 2,000 casualties during the siege of Ladysmith.

## GEN. BULLER IN SIGHT OF LADYSMITH

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Telegrams from the

front indicate that the northward march of the relief column moving towards Ladysmith is proceeding steadily. The authorities here seem satisfied that now General Buller's forces are within sight of Ladysmith the besieged place is safe at present from serious attack. No news of real importance was made public up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and there was nothing to show that the general engagement so frequently rumored had yet commenced, though obviously news of such a battle is momentary expected.

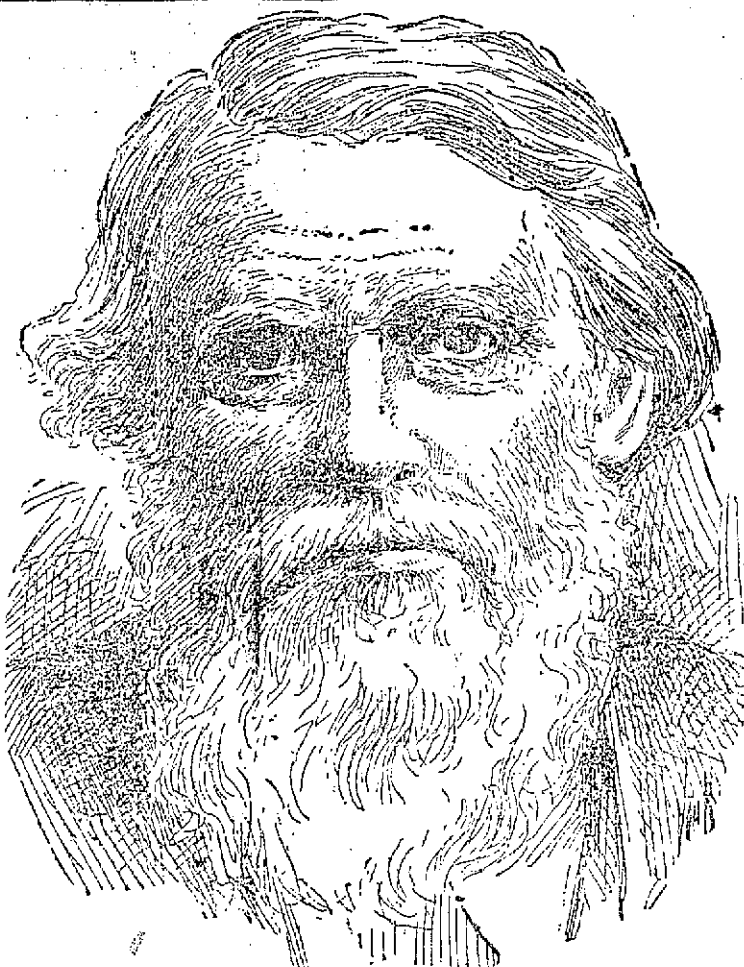
A NEW PRESS CENSOR. Advice from Cape Town says Lord Roberts has appointed Lord Stanley (member of Parliament for East Lancashire and a former Lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards) to be press censor.

Prince Francis of Teck has gone to the front. The Duke of Marlborough, in his capacity as a staff officer, left for South Africa today. The Duchess and her mother, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, accompanied him as far as Southampton. The Duchess will not, however, go with her husband to the Cape. The Duke does not take a large retinue of servants to the front with him, as has been frequently intimated, but is accompanied only by a valet, who probably will be replaced by the usual officers' "striker" when he gets into camp.

The departure of the second detachment of the London Volunteers today was accompanied by the customary scenes of enthusiasm, and they were given a hearty final send-off on boarding the transports at Southampton.

## GEN. FRENCH THREATENS THE BOER LINE.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. LONDON, Jan. 20.—4:35 P. M.—The only War Office dispatch made public up to this hour is a brief report from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, under today's date, saying in substance that General French has extended his line to the east, further



JOHN RUSKIN.

## JOHN RUSKIN PASSES AWAY.

Illustrious Art Critic Dies at a Ripe Old Age of Influenza.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. LONDON, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin died this afternoon of influenza, aged 81 years. (John Ruskin, M. A., L. D., was the son of a London merchant and was born in the February 1819. He was educated privately and at Christ Church, Oxford, where he gained the Newdigate prize in 1840. He then devoted himself to painting, then to architecture, and finally to writing an act in which last mentioned respect he was without a contemporary peer, his volume on "Modern Painters," being unrivaled. He also published the "Seven Lamps of Architecture" and "The Stones of Venice." He was twice elected professor of Fine Arts at Oxford. For a number of years he has lived in retirement at Brancaster, Coniston.)

## RETIREMENT OF GEN. ANDERSON.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Brigadier-General Thomas M. Anderson, commander of the Department of the Lakes, was relieved from active duty under the regulation which required army officers to be retired

at the age of 64. General James Wade, commander of the Department of the Lakes, has been assigned to assume temporary command. General Anderson will remain in Chicago for the present and may enter commercial business.

## ARRESTED BY THE SHERIFF.

Sam Merrifield, a race track man residing in San Francisco, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a bench warrant issued by Judge Greene. He failed to appear in court.

## ROBERTS TO BE SHUT OUT

Majority Report Is Against Allowing Him to Take His Seat.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Reports of the special committee of investigation in the case of Brigham Roberts of Utah were presented to the House today. The majority report, signed by Chairman Taylor and six of his associates, is a voluminous document and is accompanied by a summary of the law and facts. It gives the details of the hearings, the ample opportunities afforded to Mr. Roberts to present his case, his refusal to testify and the unanimous finding of facts, heretofore published. It proceeds: "The committee is unanimous in its belief that Mr. Roberts ought not to remain a member of the House of Representatives. A majority are of the opinion that he ought not to be permitted to become a member; that the House has the right to exclude him. A minority report finds the proper course of procedure to permit him to be sworn in and then exclude him by a two-thirds vote under the constitutional provision providing for expulsion."

The report then cites the law and concludes as follows: "If there is any fact apparent in this case it is that the constitutionality of Mr. Roberts' law is not in doubt before his election. Can there be room to doubt the proper action of the House? It is prepared to yield up this salutary power of exclusion. Will it declare itself defenseless and ridiculous? "If the House takes the action which the majority of the committee advises it ought to take, it will for the first time in its history pass with a most beneficent power which it has often exercised, and which the House has never declared it did not possess. Mindful of the gravity of the question and realizing the responsibility imposed upon us, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution: "RESOLVED, THAT UNDER THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE, BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS, REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT FROM THE STATE OF UTAH, OUGHT NOT TO HAVE OR HOLD SEAT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE SEAT TO WHICH HE WAS ELECTED IS HEREBY DECLARED VACANT."

THE MINORITY REPORT. The minority report of the special committee appointed to investigate and report on the case of Brigham Roberts dissents from the majority report, which recommends that Roberts be not allowed to take his seat. The minority holds that Roberts has a constitutional right to take his seat, and can then be expelled by a two-thirds vote.

The recommendation to deny Roberts his seat is condemned as establishing a dangerous precedent, which is likely to be taken advantage of by the House at some future time for purely partisan purposes in order that a small majority may secure intrinsically in power. The report concludes: "We recommend the following as a substitute for the resolution proposed by the committee: "Resolved, That Brigham H. Roberts, having been duly elected a Representative in the Fifty-sixth Congress from the State of Utah, with the qualification requisite for admission to the House as such, is entitled by constitutional right to take oath of office, prescribed for members-elect, his status as a polygamist, unlawfully cohabiting with plural wives, affording constitutional ground for expulsion, but not for exclusion from the House. "And if the House shall hold with us and swear in Mr. Roberts as a member, we shall, as soon as recognition can be had, offer a resolution to expel him as a polygamist, unlawfully cohabiting with plural wives. "C. E. LITTLEFIELD, "DAVID A. DEARMOND."

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## CAPT. MILLS IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 20.—Captain Frederick J. Mills, late Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio, was today acquitted of the charge of murder. The jury was out only a quarter of an hour, just long enough to elect a foreman and take a ballot.

Such a finding was expected by everyone and the announcement of the result was not followed by anything sensational. Captain Mills was charged with the murder of John C. O'Melveny, chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line, in this city on October 23 last. The evidence showed that while the defendant was absent serving as an officer in the volunteer army of the United States his wife and O'Melveny became criminally intimate. The defendant pleaded the fifth statute, which justifies the act of a husband who kills his wife's seducer and who acts up the plea of insanity.

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LONDON, Jan. 20.—While Great Britain has been depicted by death and war since the representatives of her best men have been summoned to the coronation year 1900 will give the Queen several grandchildren.

Since the first of the year two have already appeared, the Crown Prince of Prussia, and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg. Realizing, however, that this was utterly impossible, he consoles himself by making life miserable for those who are his enemies.

He is continually appearing with some new suggestion and is generally being turned over to General Sir Evelyn Wood, Adjutant-General to the forces, who is probably adding to the list of descendants.

The Duke of York by the way has placed himself at the disposition of the Admiralty and will probably receive a command. But, though he intimated that he was desirous of duty with the fleet, the squadron commander has said, for the same reasons which prevented the Duke of Connaught from going to the front. No one was more anxious than the Duke of York to go to the front. Realizing, however, that this was utterly impossible, he consoles himself by making life miserable for those who are his enemies.

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The Duke of Cambridge comes as a surprise and is facetiously attributed to the fact that they have been driving out of the country the Duke of Devonshire in music and recitations of his "Absent Minded Beggar."

A representative of the Associated Press writes that the real reason which has prompted Mr. Kipling to go abroad is his desire to be "in at the death." He is especially desirous of meeting the man whom he has termed close friendship in terms of relief of Kimberley. Moreover, Mr. Kipling will utilize his trip in writing good literary material. But he will not unnecessarily risk his safety, as he intends to stay at Cape Town until the conditions at the front assume a more pacific character.

INDIAN PRINCE.  
Prince Ranjitsinhji, the well-known Indian cricketer, exemplified Mr. Kipling's popular story, "The Man Who Was," when at dinner this week at Cambridge. Expressing regret at the fact that his countrymen were not allowed to fight in South Africa, he added:

"When Russia came blundering at the door of India the world will see what Indian cavalry can do." Oriental has been stirring up British patriotism. In this case it is none other than the Chinese Minister, who, when visiting the Manchester Stock Exchange, called for cheers for the Queen. The Mayor notified her Majesty's consular agent, who thereupon replied that she had heard of it with much gratification. Incidentally, it is rumored that the Minister will be recalled, not on this account, but to succeed Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India. Commerce, a change that would be warmly greeted in England, though Chih Chen Lo Fen Gih's departure would be regretted.

A DUKE TO WED.  
The young Duke of Westminster is coming home from South Africa. He will marry Miss West, youngest daughter of William Cornwallis West. The Duke will return to South Africa almost immediately after his marriage, as an officer of the Imperial Yeomanry. The future Duchess is a sister of Lieutenant Cornwallis West, whose name is so often connected with Lady Randolph Churchill's.

Another part of the late Duke's racing and breeding stud will be sold at auction March 8th. Orme and Ben O'R will not be sold, but Flying Fox will only be saved from the hammer by a suitably rare price, while according to general opinion must be very high indeed to prevent him changing hands. Mr. Whitney and Sir J. Blundell Maple are both ready to bid for the horse, but the sale of this famous horse, and fast and

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surviving bidding is anticipated.

The death of Lady Alice Montague, sister of the Duke of Manchester, resulted in many more families going into mourning and the closing of one of the most important political salons, the Duchess of Devonshire's. The loss of Ladies Salisbury and Ridley and the Princess of Wales' Lancashire braid fair to make the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Duke in history from a social point of view.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.  
Another electrical advance is wireless telegraphy is gaining ground. Marconi outfits are being installed on three vessels destined for active service.















